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Christmas map sales Save Texas History

On-line orders in December biggest annual boost for conservation fund

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AUSTIN — Archives staff members at the Texas General Land Office are as busy as elves this time of year, stuffing tubes with historic map reproductions and sending them off to good Texans all over the globe.

"Online sales in December earn more for Save Texas History than any other time of the year," Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson said. "Historic Texas maps make a great gift and buying them from the General Land Office helps preserve our state's legacy."

Among the most popular maps each year are the colorful 1849 DeCordova map, which shows the Republic of Texas when its northern boundary stretched to present day Wyoming, and an 1837 map of the Republic of Texas. Early bird's-eye view maps showing Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio as they once were are also top sellers.

All map purchases from the General Land Office are tax-deductible charitable donations, as all proceeds go to the Save Texas History Program, which preserves and digitizes historic maps and documents that tell the story of Texas.

Historic map reproductions are available at www.savetexashistory.org for as little as \$20. Maps ordered before Monday, Dec. 18th can be shipped in time for Christmas Eve delivery. Orders can also be called in directly to the Archives and Records Division of the Land Office at 1-800-998-4GLO (4456). Maps may be purchased as late as December 21nd by walking into the General Land Office in Austin at 1700 N. Congress Ave.

The Save Texas History Program is a unique campaign that brings together private and government efforts to preserve the 35 million maps and documents at the Texas General Land Office.

After items are conserved, they're digitally preserved and made available to the public via the Internet. The Digital Preservation Project of the Save Texas History Program has been recognized by the Texas Historical Commission for its monumental effort to digitally preserve these historic treasures.

To search for maps, place orders, or make a monetary donation to the Save Texas History Program, visit www.savetexashistory.org or call the Land Office toll-free at 1-800-998-4GLO.

Maps must be ordered by DECEMBER 18th to ensure Christmas receipt.

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